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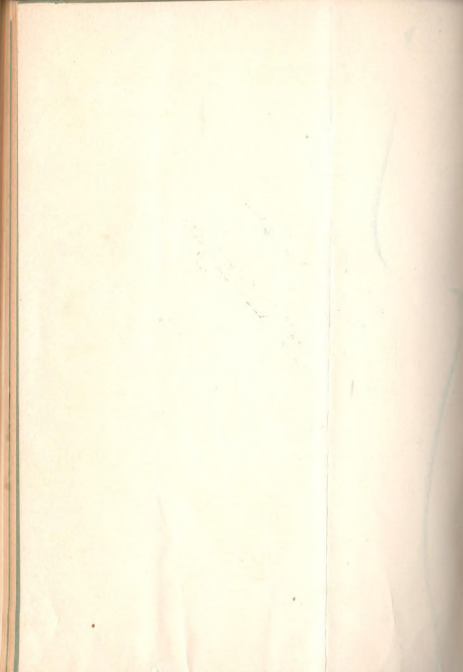
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INSPIRATION

There is a Law of Inspiration by which we may become inspired musicians, artists, sculptors, writers, orators, poets, inventors, healers, seers, adepts or any thing else that is good and true and noble. I do not say there may be such a law but I state positively that there is a Law of True Inspiration and that it is no respecter of persons but that all who will may learn to read its divine lessons and be inspired by them to do all things whatsoever they desire to do. I know that this Law is not wrapped in mysteries so dense that only the few can penetrate them but that it is for ALL who are willing to live lives of purity and love free from all selfishness and greed for material gains. It is the one great Law of Nature and its light will light "ALL men that cometh into the world." All nature is divided into two parts, spirituality and materiality. Spirituality is the "Light of the world" materiality is the reflector. Spirituality is the "Sun of Righteousness" materiality is the earth of its reflection. God is Love and spirituality is His Law of Activity.

The earth with all that it contains is the passive form upon which spirituality acts, or rather it is the reflector through which the spirit of Infinite Love expresses its forms of being.

As Love is infinite so is its power to express itself in form. The thing that we have always called love is only the harmony of attraction between two forms existing upon the same plane of being. It is the union or harmony of wills for the purpose of bringing about some desired result but it is only a form of use and is not the divine infinity of Love.

Let us suppose a country where no plant has ever flowered. A traveler from some other country tells the people that it is possible for plants to produce the most beautiful flowers and not only beautiful ones but fragrant ones as well. The wise (?) scientists have never seen such a thing and never smelled the odor of flowers but the traveler is so certain in his statements that they take his plants and dissect some of them. They analyze the root and stock and branch and leaf. They find absolutely nothing. Then they analyze the earth and the air in which the plant grew and find nothing. They have, they think, proven beyond all doubt that there is no such power in the plant and have made the traveler out a falsifier. Of course their materialistic analysis is conclusive (?) proof and the traveler has nothing to offer to refute it except his own statement. But he puts his plants in fertile soil under favorable conditions and waits. In due time he has the proof in the being of the plant for there is the flower in all its beauty and fragrance just as he said it would be. Where did it come from? There can be but one answer. It came from the spirituality of the plant and not from its materiality. The spiritual flower was in the Law but it was unexpressed until

there was evolved for its expression a material reflector. Just as the ray from the sun is neither heat nor light until it comes in contact with something that will reflect it so are all things. They all have always been in the great Sun of Love and as they go out on the rays of spiritual activity they are without material form until they come in contact with a material reflector and then they express the material image of the spiritual energy that gives them being. I trust that all will grasp my meaning.

Heretofore we have manifested only such forms and such powers as the outer conditions that surrounded us have evolved for us. We have grown BY the force of the Law of Spiritual energy and have not had much to say about our own lives but have BEEN EVOLVED from lower to higher forms of materiality without understanding the Law of our unfoldment. We have had EVOLVED FOR US from lower forms the power to reason, to think intelligently, and with this power we can begin to command our own lives. But it is only a beginning, it is only a promise of what we shall be. Intellectuality is only the bud out of which will come the full blown blossom of wisdom. Thought is the power of intellect but it is only of the brain, it is nothing more than mind force, it is not spiritual power. Thought, suggestion, hypnotism, magnetism, &c., are powers of the physidal or mental being but none of them go beyond the plane of force. That many wonderful things may be done with their use I am well aware but deeper down within is spiritual power of which all these

things are but reflections, The mental healer does not understand anything beyond mental power and the ordinary spiritualistic medium is contented to simply reflect the inspiration given him by another. He draws his inspiration from his guide very much as the hypnotic subject draws his inspiration from the hypnotist. He is only the medium for the reflection of another's forces. It is wonderful I know but it is not the highest to which we may aspire.

We cannot afford to stop with the materialism of mind nor the spiritualism of the soul. We must go on to the materiality and spirituality of the entire being. We must reach the fruition of all our hopes before we can express our individuality in the eternal beauty and greatness of immortal Wisdom. To do this we must rise above all isms and by the power of spiritualized will command the material reflectors of our being to express our desires. We must take command of our forces and be ourselves the master. We have heretofore been only mediums but when we know the Law of Spiritual activity within us we will be no longer mediums but masters and adepts.

But how may we attain this mastery? Not by the analysis of hard reasoning, not by mental force. No, indeed, we cannot find it in that way any more than the scientist can find the beauty and the fragrance of the flower by his analysis. The kingdom of heaven cometh not by force. We cannot find it by theorizing. Men have sought in all these ways and they have not found anything. They have tried only to find the

light by examining the reflector of the light. The Law of Spirituality cannot be found where it is not. That which appeals only to the sensuous side of life is like the reflection in the mirror and we cannot find the real by searching the reflection. Men have not looked beyond the sensuous impressions of the physical and mental planes. Few even today can believe that there is anything greater than reason, greater than a powerful mentality, greater than the power of mind, and they vainly strive to find the light in the darkness by ingenuity of brain force. They will never find it because all such things are but reflective of that which is deeper down within the very heart of everything that is.

Spirituality is the harbinger of peace and rest and happiness. It is found only by concentration of all our forces upon that which stands to us for the highest ideal truth. We must enter into the closet of our own souls and ask of the Father in secret and he will reward us openly. "Two or three must gather together" in the name of Infinite Love and then will this power of spirituality be in their midst and ALL things upon which they agree will be done. This gathering together is not a material coming together in the flesh but it is the harmony of wills with which time and distance have nothing to do. When we thus gather together we draw the inspiration from the great Fountain of Love and we become filled with what they used to call "the Holy Ghost." Our bodies, being only the reflector of the spirit, we may draw any thing that we wish from the Great Source and reflect or ex-

press it perfectly. And is it hard to do this? Only as we make it so. We look to the sensuous impressions that outside forces make upon us. We make of ourselves mediums for the reflections of this borrowed light that comes from them and do not open the eyes of our soul and receive the spiritual rays from the Eternal Fountain. We should live true to our highest ideal each day and remember that whatever we may conceive today as the highest ideal may not seem so high tomorrow. The Ideal is our God but when we attempt to formulate a creed or ism and pen him up within its bounds we stultify our growth and obstruct the inflow of spirituality through us and then we get all out of harmony. The Law of growth is retroactive as well as progressive and when we get to a place where we stop going forward it will surely force us backward. The growth of the soul within us is just as natural as the growing of the plant and the blooming of the flower. The Law of True Inspiration or Illumination from the "Most High" is as sure as the growing of the grass in the spring time but we must be passive to the spiritualistic rays and cease our vain efforts to find the warmth and light by which we may unfold our aspirations by looking to sensuous influences. The divine inflow can only be transmitted by psychic power. Inspiration can only come by inspirational power. It cannot come by ordinary mental treatments. They are only remedial and we need more than a remedy. We need more than borrowed light. We make our lives so hard by our doubts and fears and anxieties, by our struggles in the dark. We "stand upon

the street corners and cry aloud that we are not as the heathen" when we ought to gather together in silent concentration and seek the Father in secret. "The Law of the Lord is within the heart of the righteous" and the righteous are all they who seek righteousness but we do not look within for inspiration. We look without and think if we were only in different environments, or if those around us only were different we would be happy and unfold our soul forces so beautifully. We cannot understand that the "Law of the Lord" is the Spirituality of Love within us but we think that we ought to find it all written out in some text book or some bible or paper or creed of some kind. But men are tired of seeking in the old way and thousands are seeking for some other place than material sources for the light. All will find it who seek aright for it is no respecter of persons and when this Law of Inspiration is known by men then the sorrow and the suffering and even death will be all overcome. I know that the morning dawneth and that the day is not far away. S. L. B.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

We had thought that we would not publish anything like testimonials any more but many of our friends like to know what others are saying about us and so we will publish the following from recent letters that we have received. We have not asked liberty of the writers to publish their names and do not feel at liberty to do so without authority but the original

letters from which these extracts are taken are all on file in our office:

One lady to whom I gave a statement of her case writes: "Oh! who are you that you go down into my very soul and question of the deep and secret things that which only God can know."

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"I am better. I am gaining. I seem to have a new life springing up within me. I can walk better and I believe I will

yet have perfect use of my feet and limbs. I can use my hands better and I don't think I am bloated so badly. For the last week I have gained very fast. Except my throat and stomach. They seemed to hurt me worse for a day or so but I called you and the answer came and I was better. I have not had a bad spell since and that was nearly a week ago. I am gaining every day."

"I was charmed with the kindly tone of your letter and very much pleased with the brief description you gave of me. It was in the main correct, though my eyes are rather green than blue-gray."

"You are so nearly correct in your reading of me that I am anxious to know how much more you can tell me about myself."

"I wish to inform you of my great appreciation of the Psychometric reading you gave me. It has answered MANY questions and much wondering that I have often, very often, had."

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The fleeting shadow of the better things?

The heavens are thine if thou wilt use thy wings,
And sighs are songs if thou wilt only trust.

Aim high, O soul! for on the higher forms

Is always room, while lower ranks are filled;

Who climbs the heights finds all earth's noises stilled,
And a sweet calm and light above the storms.

Be high, O soul! scorn what is low and base;

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